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1. The Narodna Transfuzna Sluzba was the central administrative organization for blood collection in Czechoslovakia. Located in Prague, it may have been a part of the State Public Health Institute (Statni Zdravotni Ustav - SZU), although I am not sure. The SZU, however, did have a laboratory for the study of blood groups, and it had other nation-wide responsibilities, which made it the logical administrative center for blood collection.
2. There were blood donor stations in Bratislava, Nitra [4819 N - 1805 E], Zilina, Turciansky Svaty Martin [4904 N - 1856 E], Banska Bystrica [4844 N - 1909 E], Kosice [4842 N - 2115 E], and Presov [4900 N - 2115 E]. Each of these stations shipped dried plasma to Prague, but I do not know the quantities. The Ministry of Health planned to set up a blood collection center in every large hospital in Czechoslovakia but this plan had not produced any results as late as April 1952.

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3. Propaganda to induce civilians to donate blood was constantly disseminated. It was rumored that some plasma was sent to North Korea; this news was not well received by the people, as evidenced by their resistance to propaganda for blood donation. I think that there was a possibility that a reserve supply of plasma was being set up for military use.
4. As far as I know, no plasma substitutes have been used in Czechoslovakia, nor do I know of any Soviet plasma substitute.

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